

# **CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

**July 15, 2013 – 7:00pm**

Ray Kloeckner, Chairman

Robert Fix, Vice Chairman

## **1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

An Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

## **2. CALL TO ORDER – Sheriff Mike Kreke**

County Clerk, Mary Rakers, called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7:00pm on July 16, 2013.

## **3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Present: Albers, Cain, Heiligenstein, Holtgrave, Kloeckner, Michael, Nordike, Rakers J, Simpson, Sullivan, Taylor and Wessel. Absent: Rakers, C; Fix, and Richter

## **4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS**

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 17, 2013 county board meeting. Albers seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

## **6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

No Report

## **7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD**

No Report

## **8. REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

No Report

## **9. STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee**

#### **1. Zoning Report**

- i. Motion – Ordinance 2013-07-20 Amending The Zoning Chapter Of The Clinton County Code To Define “Landscape Waste Compost Facility”  
Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Nordike seconded the motion. Albers (Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Absent); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Absent); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Absent); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

#### **ii. Motion – Audie Williams First Subdivision**

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Holtgrave seconded the motion. Albers (Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Absent); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Absent); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Absent); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

b. Economic Development  
No Report

c. Tourism Committee

The committee met on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The mayor of Carlyle and Scott Winter, from the Tourism Bureau, were also at meeting. They are checking into putting an ad in Post Dispatch and a possible spot on television.

d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste

The committee has been trying to find a way to clean up the mess at Woodlawn Mobile Home Park, which is in the incorporated west end of Centralia. The mess started when water was turned off to property by the City of Centralia for no payment of their water bill. Most people vacated the property at that time and it is now an eyesore and irritation to the surrounding residents. The committee and Highway Department have been discussing with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to remediate this problem. The owner of that park, filed for bankruptcy, which prevented any action from being taken remediate the problem. Thereafter, the bankruptcy trustee recommended to the bankruptcy judge that the property be abandoned. Therefore, they decided there was no equity in the property due to condition of the property and liens against the property. During conversations with EPA, the committee learned the EPA helps local units of government in cleaning up a property. The committee authorized a environmental engineer to take a look at the situation. The EPA tested the grounds including the lagoon. After testing, the results showed there will be no further action necessary in reference to the lagoon. Eventually the lienholders realized they wanted nothing to do with this property and all liens have been released. The property is clean of liens and obligations. A few days ago, the deed was signed and the owner executed deed to the county. It will not be recorded unless tonight's resolution is passed. It authorizes the committee to accept the conveyance of property and authorize recording of the deed and to facilitate the cleanup. There is available landfill. Regional manager is anxious to begin project. Because project has taken so long not wanting to delay it any further. There will be some assistance needed from the Highway Department. This is probably not something that the county will make money off of, there are some expenses. Heiligenstein asked if there is any way there will be some surprises like hazardous waste and so forth. Hudspeth said there are remains of trailers that exist and some garbage. The water has been checked which was the most concerning issue. Cain asked is it something we could clean and put up for sale down the road. Hudspeth said that is plan, to recover some of our costs. Sullivan made a motion to move forward on it. Lyle said they have done best they can to check everything out.

1. Motion – Resolution 2013-07-21 Ownership and Remediation of Woodlawn Mobile Home Park

Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote. Simpson seconded the motion. Albers (Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Absent); Heiligenstein (Yes);

Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Absent); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Absent); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

e. Assessment Committee

The committee met on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The final multiplier from the state is .9803. Transfer declarations for June 2012 was 61, while June 2013 was 60. June 15<sup>th</sup> was deadline for 2013 assessments. All are turned in except for Breese. 2009 PTAB still has one pending. 2010 PTAB the county lost. 2011 appeals are still waiting on more evidence to be turned in. Jim Rakers asked to address the board about the vote on PTELL at the last county board meeting. Rakers said the vote last month was about preserving the right to vote. Rakers said he realizes the board members were elected to represent the taxpayers of Clinton County, but an issue of this importance where the taxpayers are worried about their businesses, families, and homes should have a right to vote and doesn't think it is in the best interest to take that away. No amount of money can take away the freedom and the right to vote. Albers said last month he had a statement prepared to read on why he voted no to the resolution. He appreciated the chance to read it tonight. He said prior to 2013 most people did not know what PTELL was, but it came up due to outrage over last year's assessments. He understood this outrage and agreed that the assessment process needs to be handled in a better manner. Albers thought the Board of Review did a good job handling the complaints and felt most people were satisfied with the review process. PTELL does nothing to change the assessment process. He said he attended many meetings just to understand what PTELL is. At those meetings there were approximately 150 people out of 20,000 registered voters in the county. Albers feels PTELL would put a financial strain on the appealing things about Clinton County like the schools, libraries, fire departments and etc; while doing nothing to correct the process of how your properties are assessed. When was the last time you heard anyone say they wanted to move to another county so their kid could attend a better school? Albers said it is simple you do not hear it. As far as accountability of these taxing bodies there are already several measures in place to handle that. These are school board elections, public school board meetings, truth in taxation hearings and most importantly they are all handled at a very local district level. Albers said if you want change you have to get involved, stay informed, attend meetings and run for office. If PTELL were placed on the ballot, all of Clinton County would get to vote on it while only some of Clinton County would be held to it's limitations. Albers said this is not fair to some service districts that my family has benefited from greatly namely Germantown, Albers, Bartelso, and Damiansville and that disparity alone was enough for him to keep PTELL off the ballot. Chairman Kloeckner asked if there were any other comments, of which there were none.

f. Insurance/ICIT

The committee met on July 8<sup>th</sup> where Bill Schmaltz of Einstein Consulting presented the monthly reports. The first 2 months of this contract year show a decrease of \$73,000. Currently the health insurance line item is \$33,015.25, or 2.97% over budget. With reimbursements, the health insurance line item is \$124,405.21, or 11.08% under budget. The Workers compensation fund and

liability fund have not changed. The Obamacare seminar was cancelled after the announcement from Obama's administration that the "Play or Pay" provision of the health care law has been delayed to 2015. The provision is applicable to Clinton County since we have more than 50 employees.

g. Facilities Committee  
No Report.

h. County Farm Committee  
No Report.

i. Education Committee  
No Report.

j. Veterans Committee  
Simpson said he talked to someone to get courthouse lights fixed. Chairman Kloeckner said the City of Carlyle put a light up this week.

k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee

1. Treasurer's monthly report

Treasurer, Denise Trame, gave her monthly report. She said there was no oil check this month. She requested permission to do business with all county banks, Meridian Bank in Centralia and Illinois EPAY.

Motion – Heiligenstein made a motion to approve business with the county banks, Meridian Bank and Illinois EPAY. Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

i. Motion - Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Holtgrave made a motion to approve the Treasurer's monthly report. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

2. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report

Holtgrave made a motion to approve the Health Department's monthly report. Michael seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

3. Motion - Approval of CIC Payroll System

At the last finance meeting a presentation was given by Computer Information Concepts, or CIC. This company met with Mary Rakers the County Clerk who was looking for a more effective way to handle payroll and personnel issues. The current program is insufficient. CIC submitted a proposal for a new program for \$75,000 with an annual fee that is similar to our current provider. The Finance Committee approved the proposal and Heiligenstein asked for approval from the full board. If the proposal is approved tonight, they are providing a 37 percent discount for being the first county in the State of Illinois to use this technology. This includes a 4 year contract with a payment plan or a one- time payment. Heiligenstein said it will also help keep us in compliance with Department of Labor and should eliminate some Personnel issues. County Clerk, Mary Rakers, said the program will also save time for her office. Michael asked what the final numbers were. Heiligenstein said

originally the proposal came in at \$84,000. The proposal with the discount is \$75,142. Harris is the current company from Canada and they are not receiving any upgrades and it is very difficult to get ahold of them. Heiligenstein made a motion for a roll call vote. Holtgrave seconded the motion. Albers (Yes); Albers (Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Absent); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Absent); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Absent); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

l. General Services/Judiciary Committee  
No Report.

m. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor  
No Report.

n. Road and Bridge Committee

1. Monthly County Engineer Report

i. Motion – Resolution 2013-07-22 To Award Low Bid To RCS Construction For New Concrete Box Culvert For St. Rose Township On Keyesport Rd.

Holtgrave made a motion for a roll call vote. Cain seconded the motion. Albers ( Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Absent); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Absent); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Absent); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

## **10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging

The committee will be meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Nordike reported due to the resignation of Mike McMillan there is a spot open on the Board of Health. It will be brought up at August 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. He thanked Janice Albers for stepping up and taking care of Mike's job when he left.

b. County Health  
No Report.

c. GIS Committee

The GIS committee met on July 1<sup>st</sup>. All bills were in order. The next meeting is on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

d. 911 Committee  
No Report.

e. UCCI  
No Report.

f. Personnel/Labor Committee

The committee met and discussed a raise for the part-time employees. Heiligenstein requested a one-time raise of 30 cents an hour effective September

1, 2013. Heiligenstein said the committee also discussed an increase for the Board of Review. Their duties over the last few years have been elevated due to the higher assessments. He requested a one-time \$300 a year raise starting fiscal year 2014; which would represent approximately a 3 percent raise for 3 individuals. The full terms of the Teamsters contracts is in effect as of July 15<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, the courthouse is now open till 4:30 for the convenience of tax payers. Also, the one hour lunch has been eliminated and replaced with a half hour unpaid lunch. The vacation schedule was revamped and election day was eliminated as a holiday.

1. Motion – Part-Time Employee Wage Increase

Heiligenstein made a motion for a roll call vote. Nordike seconded the motion. Albers ( Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Absent); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Absent); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Absent); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

2. Motion – Board of Review Increase

Heiligenstein made a motion for a roll call vote. Holtgrave seconded the motion. Albers ( Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Absent); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Absent); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Absent); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

**11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Taylor made a motion to approve accounts payable. Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

No report.

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No report.

**14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- a. Motion – Appointment- Jason Brammier - Trustee of Clinton County East Public Water District for remainder of Gary Wedekemper's term.
- b. Motion – Appointment – Dr. Chris Rivera – Board of Health
- c. Motion – Appointment – Dr. Steven Stone – Board of Health

Cain made a motion to approve all the appointment. Wessel seconded. Motion Carried.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

Sullivan suggested getting an updated code book for the county board members and a new book for the new county board members.

**16. ADJOURNMENT TILL MONDAY AUGUST 19, 2013**

Heiligenstein made a motion to adjourn until August 19, 2013. Holtgrave seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Rakers".

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Mary Rakers  
County Clerk & Recorder